

ABSTRACT

The present invention relates, in general, to methods of diagnosing and monitoring cancer and inflammatory diseases/disorders and, in particular, to methods of diagnosing and monitoring cancer and inflammatory diseases/disorders that comprise assaying for elevated levels of zinc alpha-2-glycoprotein (ZAG) in serum and other body fluids. The invention also relates to methods of inhibiting thymic atrophy, including tumor-associated atrophy.